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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

I. At Senstor Stennis' request, I had lunch with him today in the Senste Pining Room and briefed him, on a number of southers substantially in accordance with the briefing I gave to Senstor Saltonstall, with the exception that Senstor Resting's speach did not come up nor did the matter of the Cuban prisoner deal. Our conversation centered almost entirely on the Seviet buildup in Cuba and I brought him up to date in specific detail as I did with Senstor Saltonstall. The rest of the conversation was almost entirely conjectural as to where we might go from here and the relationship between Cuba and our possible actions there with other parts of the world such as Revlim. There was nothing either startling or new in my briefing or in Senstor Stennis' concern that has not already been discussed at great length on the floor and in the public prace.

2. He was most cordial, most enthusiastic for the Agency, and it was a thoroughly enjoyable conversation.

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still protection and in teh defense of our own national security. The threat to us may be more indirect than direct, but it is nevertheless real and imminent. How for must we retreat before invoking positive measures necessary for our own defenset

The answer is clear. The longer we wait, the greater becomes Castro's military power and potential for harm; and the greater the efforts we must exert in our own defense.

These conclusions respecting the Cuban peril crystallize the serious study I have given the question for many months. Even before November 1961, when I visited our naval base at Guantanamo, the real danger was becoming apparent. And, of course, since that time our fears and austricions have been confirmed.

It is heartening to know that we have a wonderful group of top fighting men at Guantanamo, all of them imbucd with great spirit, from their chief, Rear Adm. Edward H. O'Donnell, on down.

A year ago I visited Guantanamo and spent some time with Admiral O'Donnell. I was very favorably impressed with him as a naval officer as well as with his fine concept of the real perul now mvolved and the future peril.

As chairman of the Military Preparedness Subcommittee. I have done a great deal of work and have gained a great deal of information on the situation that cannot be brought out into the open. I do not know more about it than others, of course, and I do not know as much as many persons do, but I mention this to show that it was a long, painstaking study, and the very opposite of a hasty conclusion. It is my deliberate conclusion, after all hope has been exhausted. that nothing short of what I propose will do the work. Also, I am convinced that if we do not take more drastic steps, the peril and get further into the woods.

> I propose, Mr. President, that we create and define a defensive area or zone around Cuba which we consider vital to our own national security. And, further, that we give notice to all the world that, within this defensive zone or area, we are fully prepared to take whatever action necessary to protect our Nation and our Latin American allies from any further buildup of military strength and striking power which might endanger our security.

> At the same time, we must demonstrate to and reassure the Cuban people that It is not they, but their Communist masters, who are the object of these preparations. Our humanitarian aid in the form of necessary food and medicine could and would nevertheless go through to the Cuban people.

> This would be an act of defense; not an act of aggression. It would differ little from the action we took in stationing our 7th Fleet in the Formosa Straits and in announcing to the world our intention to defend the islands of Quemoy and Matsu That action could not be characterized as other than a defensive measure on behalf of an ally and in our own interest -a defensive measure which unquestionably deterred any in

tent to invade which the Red Chinese might have entertained.

We have taken similar defensive steps in Lebanon in 1958, in Turkey, in Greece, in Western Europe, and elsewhere around the globe.

If we were right as to Formosa, Lebanon, and elsewhere, what then should stand in the way of adopting identical steps for our own protection in the Caribbean-our own backyard? Why should we fear any loud cries of "blockade," if we are taking appropriate steps for our own protection? A blockade is not a blockade when a nation acts prudently in its own interest and in self-defense. choosing not to wait until it is too late

Day by day the perfi grows as Khrushichev and Castro take step after step to pave the way for that Russian foothold Recently, we were advised that the Sovicts were undertaking the construction of a flahing port in Cube in order to facilitate the commercial fishing operations of the Russian fleet in the Western Hemisphere. Coupled with this was the announcement that Cuba and Russia together are building 62 trawlers for Castro's use. We would be naive indeed to accept these announcements at face value and to conclude that peaceful uses alone are considered for the fishing port and the ships.

It took a long time in the history of affairs for it to be discovered that the area at Cuba was such a valuable fishing port for these faraway interests and countries.

One of the reasons recently assigned for the conclusion that Castro's military buildup was defensive was the fact that he had no ships with which to mount an invasion. Now we are told he is getting 62 ships. Trawlers can be used for fish ing. They can also transport soldiers. and they can be mounted with guns We might refer to these ships as Castro convertibles. And Mie listing port provides convenient submarine base in the Western Hemisphere.

The history of 20th century aggression is a long line of probing steps taken by an aggressor who felt his may going as far as he could, ready at the same time to withdraw in the face of firm resistance. So it with with Mussolini in Ethiopia in 1935, with Hitler in the demilitarized Rhineland in 1936, with the Red Chinese in Formosa in 1950 and later, and with the Soviets in Berlin in 1948 and 1961. And so it is the name, I believe, in 1962, with Khrushchev seeking a foothold in the Western Hemisphere.

When the Berlin resolution was considered, I really expected that there would be some debate on it and some explanation. I was not prepared to debate it. I certainly did not intend to oppose However, it seems to me, relatively speaking, that our position is already well known as to Berlin. We have had troubles in Western Germany through the years. We have troubles in Berlin now. We have repeatedly saidand have acted to back up our statements-that they shall not pass, that we are not going to yield.

At the same time, Mr. President, It seems clear to me that with reference to Cuba, which can be a point of peril, such

a short distance from our shoreline; it is absolutely necessary to take more posttive steps and more firm action, somewhat along the line I have suggested. Otherwise, month after month and year. after year this peril will become greater. It will grow in strength It will grow in activity. It will become more and more difficult and burdensome for us to overcome

My suggestion is only one suggestion. I believe every Member of the Senate who believes that some positive action is necessary should come forward and make a suggestion, after his thought has matured and a definite conclusion has been reached on the subject. This is my soul-searching conclusion, based upon at least a fair connection with and knowledge of the facts, from discussions not only with my fellow Senators, but also with many well-informed people who are in a position to know the facts, people who carry responsibility. Some of them have great military knowledge and experience.

I am speaking solely for myself on this

The perimeter area around Cuba which we must defend for our own self protection and preservation is a matter for our military people to decide. Whatever this area be, we must take immediate steps to define its boundaries and announce our determination in clear and numistakable terms.

Both our Western allies and our friends in this hemisphere will certainly understand the necessity of our action.

I am not versed in the field of diplomacy I know nothing about diplomatic talk However, logic, commorsense, and down-to-earth consideration of these matters, I repeat with emphasis, leads me to the conclusion that I do not see how in the world our Western ailies or our friends in this hemisphere could fail to understand the absolute necessity for our action.

First, we must clearly formulate our plans to protect our shores and our interests, and then announce and declare these plans to our Western and latin American Allies sufficiently in advance for them to make the necessary and appropriate preparations and adjustments.

Our recent moves to bar aid to Cuba through a strangulation of the see routes provide a substantial first step in the desired direction, including, first, the exclusion from U.S. ports of foreign ships transporting arms and other supplies to Cuba; second, the prohibition of any trade with Cuba for U.S. ships sailing under foreign registry, along with the similar prohibition for U.S. ships under domestic registry

These steps gave notice to our allies that we were displeased with their fallure to assist us voluntarily in freezing out the Communist threat in the Western Hemisphere via Cuba. Some of them-West Germany, Greece, Italyheard our call. But others called it our own local problem, as if Berlin were the common problem for all the Western Alhes while Cuba was our own private problem.

There are certain risks in following this course. But I say that the risks due course," because I think, as the Good

Book says, there is a time for all things. One of the great mistakes we might make would be to do what some in our country—and not the Senator from Mississippi—have advocated, which is to rush in headlong and do something rash. As long as we can close the vise on the Castro regime, we will make headway.

I could relate a great many more of my thoughts regarding Russia's connections with Cuba and what she is going to be willing, able, and ready to do. But I believe the Cuban situation can be handled. It is being handled. The President has correct information as to what the situation is there. He is on the alert as to what needs to be done. I believe that those things are being done, to use the Senator's words, in due course.

There is one other thing that some of our people seem to overlook, that is the fact that while Cuba is close to home, it must not be considered as an isolated situation. There are many such bad spots throughout the world. We know from past performance that the Kremlin is able to press the button and produce trouble in any one of many spots around the world. I believe that Khrushchev clearly planned from the beginning to use Cube as an Irritant to the United States and still intends to do so. Nothing would please him more than to have us become so involved in Cuba that we might become indifferent with respect to

Berlin is the great danger spot in the world. That is where world war III could break out. I believe that our Government is working on this problem illigently, and at the same time is keeping in mind the global aspects of the whole troublesome mess.

I followed the Senator very closely. I am in agreement with him that we must keep a tight hold on the attuation. We must not left it get out of control. I do not believe that we will let it get aut of control.

Mr. STENNIS. I thank the Senator for his comments. They are worthy of consideration, particularly, coming from him, a well-informed member of the Foreign Relations Committee.

I point out, in response to him, that I, too, have talked with the CIA and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and have heard testimony from the Secretary of State and others, and have talked with representatives of the Defense Department. I speak solely for myself. I talked with the Secretary of Defense and with many others over a period of more than a year. Something is being done. I do not say that the administration is indifferent in the slightest to this problem.

However, my point is that more drastic and more urgent and more positive steps are necessary before we can achieve needed results to stop this development. I cannot believe that, with my knowledge of our great striking power, if we were to resist it, we would touch off some trouble in Berlin. I do not believe that Khrushchev would risk war with us over "uba or over Berlin. Certainly we canot let one buildup follow another, in Cuba, or Berlin, or Formosa. If we do, we will be nibbled away.

Mr. SPARKMAN, Mr. President, will the Senator sield?

Mr. STENNIS. I do mot believe the Senator meant to leave that impression.

Mr. SPARKMAN. I did not mean to do that at all. When I started I said that it seems to me that people sometimes thought of this as an isolated incident. We must work at the whole global job. and work hard. In that connection I wonder if the Senator has read a column.——

Mr. STENNIS. Before the Senator leaves that point, I believe I should say that if we take positive action to protect ourselves in the Cuban area we will be furnishing to the world conclusive proof that we will take steps to protect ourselves in other areas.

Mr. SPARKMAN. Yes. We are taking that action We are doing it, in the words of the benator, "in due course." I wonder whether the Senator has read a column written by Walter Lippmann, which was placed in the Congressional Record yesterday by the Senator from Oregon IMr. Morsel. It is found on page 21648 of the Excord. I recommend its reading. It is avery thoughtful article dealing with this subject.

Mr. STENNIS. I thank the Senator. I shall read it. I have read many articles along this line, pro and con, but I have not read the article to which the Senator has referred.

I conclude by saying, with emphasis, that I hope the Senator from Alahama is correct in his expression as to what he called the strong probability of unity of action Lack of unity of action is one of the things that disturbs the Senator from Mississippi. That is what has disturbed the Benator from Mississippi. as he has watched these developments week after week, month after month, and year after year. My proposed step would bring shout unity of sec-tion in Latin American countries. countries. It would bring about unanimity of action with respect to our ailies elsewhere. This step or a similar step will be proof to the world and to our allies in particthat that we will move in on this situation and do what is necessary, not precipitately, but in due course and in due time; and that does not mean at some remote time.

Mr WILLIAMS of Delaware, Mr. President, will the Senator yield?
Mr STENNIS, I yield.

Mr WILLIAMS of Delaware. I have read an article printed in a New York paper, to the effect that Mr. Donovan, who is acting as the go-between in the negotiations for the release of the Cuban prisoners, is acting as an agent of the U.S. Government in those negotiations, and that a substantial part of the ransom money is being put up by our Government. I cannot conceive of that being true. However, I notice that the story goes on to state that no official in the executive department has thus far denied it. I was wondering whether the Senator from Mississippi had any information on that subject and, if so. whether he wishes to say anything about

Mr STENNIS. The Senator from Mississippi is a member of the Appropria-

tions Committee. Nothing like that has come before him in any hearings, and he has had no information with regard to it. I heard the subject mentioned on the radio, as a possibility. However, I have not been able to follow it up, because I have been busy with other matters, and have not had the opportunity to check on the radio report.

Mr. WHALAMS of Delaware. I bope it is an erroneous report

Mr STENNIS I hope so, too.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Delaware. I trust it is an error and that our Government is not putting up a part of the ransom money. However, I feel that our Government has a responsibility to issue a denial of the statement, before it goes any further.

Mr. STENNIS. The Senator from Mississippi agrees. I would be very impatient with any proposal for our Government to pay a part of the ransom money out of the National Treasury. I thank the Senator for his contribution.

I close by emphasizing again that we hear a great deal of talk about what Russia is going to do with reference to Cuba. We know that one thing is certain, and that is that size will keep building up one thing after another so long as her hand is not called, and so long as there is no effective contest with respect to it. She will do that until some effective moves are made by us. It might not be necessary to do more than to start them. When these moves are made her efforts will be cut off and destroyed. whether it be in Berlin, Formosa, or elsewhere in the opinion of the Senator from Mississippi it is much more likely that a great deal of the steam will be taken out of her efforts

Mr. SPARKWAN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HUMPHREY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be resoluted.

The PRESIDING OFFICER Without objection, it is so ordered

LOBBYING POWER OPERATES UN-CHECKED IN WASHINGTON

Mr. PROXMIRE. Mr. President, one of the most unfortunate, and neglected aspects of Government in Washington is the activity of lobbying and hobbrists. There is no question that lobbrists are very effective indeed, and there is no question that efforts looking toward their regulation are so ineffectual that they have become a farce.

An excellent series of articles is now being written by James McCartney, of the Washington bureau of the Chicago Daily News an outstanding reporter. Before I ask unanimous consent to have the series of articles placed in the Riscorn, I wish to quote briefly from some of the statements made by Mr. McCartney:

The 16-year-old regulation of Lobbying Act is fittle or no help. Under it many lobbyists, including some of the best known, such as the National Association of Manufacturers or Americans for Democratic Action, don't even bother to register.